

Green Zion

A Shared Project between Zion Parish & Zion Parish Primary School

2026

This year we had great fun in the garden learning about plants and how to grow them. We were a little later starting than last year because the Spring was so wet.

Thank you to the teachers and staff of ZPPS and the Sunday Club leaders for their encouragement and support.

Especially, thank you to all the children for their enthusiasm and work for the good of the natural world.

Junior and Senior Infants, ZPPS

Nasturtiums are lovely colourful flowers which can also be eaten in salads. We planted them in little pots and hope that they will brighten up our gardens over the summer months. Nasturtiums are edible flowers like marigolds, so not only do they look really colourful, they taste good too, with a nice peppery flavour.



First & Second Classes, ZPPS

Lettuce plugs are a great way to grow these salad plants. We planted 'Lollo Rosa', which has lovely red leaves. We also planted shallots.



Third & Fourth Class, ZPPS

We planted Lettuce plugs. They were the butterhead type with big green leaves. We also sowed seeds of Radish and Spring Onions.



Fifth & Sixth Class, ZPPS

Last year we planted lots of pollinator-friendly plants in the two new planters at the school gate. This year we replaced some of the plants so that there was a colourful display and lots of flowers for the bees to collect nectar from.



Planted by Sunday Club



We were delighted to have a third planter delivered. The new planter was filled with pollinator-friendly plants by the children from Sunday Club.

Award

We are registered with Eco-Congregation Ireland (ECI) which is a voluntary organisation encouraging churches of all denominations to incorporate sustainability and environmental awareness into worship, property and finance management, daily living, community outreach and contact with the developing world.

Last year, we received the Awareness Certificate. We have just received the Endeavour Certificate. Well done to everyone involved.



Awareness Certificate → Endeavour Certificate → The Award → The Gold Award



The Future

We are delighted to announce that we have received funding from Dublin City Council through the Climate Action Fund. One of the projects will be the replanting of the

School garden. We look forward to having the ZPA and the children take part in the planning of this space.



Irish Peatland Conservation Council

We were delighted to welcome Áine O'Donoghue, Conservation and Education Officer at the IPPC, to a special assembly where she spoke about their important work conserving bog habitats. She also took away all the amazing postage stamps and coins that had been collected in the school and parish.



Visit to the High School

Third and Fourth Class had a great visit to the High School to see their garden. Mr Langrell showed us the beehive, which was very, very busy the day we visited. They also have hens from which they gather eggs and raised vegetable beds. The waste from the kitchen goes into a large black composter and is turned into methane gas. One of the students fried an egg on a hob using the methane gas. We also got to meet a lovely little deer who had come up from the River Dodder.



Thank you from Holly, Joey & Toby

The poor Rectory dogs don't get to see many visitors and are always complaining that the Rector is always rehearsing his very long sermons with them. So, they were especially delighted to see so many lovely children in the garden this summer. The belly rubs were very much appreciated, and they look forward to meeting all of you again.

